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A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending the reduction in the foundation property tax
2 levy for reorganized and dissolved districts, extending
3 supplementary weighting for whole grade sharing, providing
4 supplementary weighting for shared school district operational
5 functions, and providing effective and applicability dates.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.3, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
1 2 2005, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 d. For purposes of this section, a reorganized school
1 4 district is one which absorbs at least thirty percent of the
1 5 enrollment of the school district affected by a reorganization
1 6 or dissolved during a dissolution and in which action to bring
1 7 about a reorganization or dissolution is initiated by a vote
1 8 of the board of directors or jointly by the affected boards of
1 9 directors to take effect on or after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2006, and on
1 10 or before July 1, ~~2006~~ 2010. Each district which initiated,
1 11 by a vote of the board of directors or jointly by the affected
1 12 boards, action to bring about a reorganization or dissolution
1 13 to take effect on or after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2006, and on or before
1 14 July 1, ~~2006~~ 2010, shall certify the date and the nature of
1 15 the action taken to the department of education by January 1
1 16 of the year in which the reorganization or dissolution takes
1 17 effect.
1 18 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
1 19 Supplement 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph and
1 20 inserting in lieu thereof the following:
1 21 c. Pupils attending class for all or a substantial portion
1 22 of a school day pursuant to a whole grade sharing agreement
1 23 executed under sections 282.10 through 282.12 shall be
1 24 eligible for supplementary weighting pursuant to this
1 25 subsection. A school district which executes a whole grade
1 26 sharing agreement and which adopts a resolution jointly with
1 27 the other affected boards to study the question of undergoing
1 28 a reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or before
1 29 July 1, 2010, shall receive a weighting of one-tenth of the
1 30 percentage of the pupil's school day during which the pupil
1 31 attends classes in another district, attends classes taught by
1 32 a teacher who is jointly employed under section 280.15, or
1 33 attends classes taught by a teacher who is employed by another
1 34 school district. A district shall be eligible for
1 35 supplementary weighting pursuant to this paragraph for a
2 1 maximum of three years. Receipt of supplementary weighting
2 2 for a second and third year shall be conditioned upon
2 3 submission of information resulting from the study to the
2 4 school budget review committee indicating progress toward the
2 5 objective of reorganization on or before July 1, 2010.
2 6 Sec. 3. Section 257.11, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
2 7 by adding the following new subsection:
2 8 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS ==
2 9 INCREASED STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES.
2 10 a. In order to provide additional funding to increase
2 11 student opportunities for school districts that share
2 12 operational functions, a supplementary weighting plan for
2 13 determining enrollment is adopted. A supplementary weighting
2 14 of two hundredths per pupil shall be assigned to pupils
2 15 enrolled in a district that shares with a political

2 16 subdivision one or more operational functions in the areas of
2 17 business management, human resources, transportation, or
2 18 operation and maintenance for at least one-third of the school
2 19 year. For the purposes of this section, "political
2 20 subdivision" means a city, county, township, school
2 21 corporation, merged area, area education agency, institution
2 22 governed by the state board of regents, or any other
2 23 governmental subdivision.

2 24 b. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
2 25 shall be available to a school district for a maximum of five
2 26 years during the period commencing with the budget year
2 27 beginning July 1, 2007, through the budget year beginning July
2 28 1, 2013. The minimum amount of additional weighting for which
2 29 a school district shall be eligible is an amount corresponding
2 30 to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional
2 31 weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is an
2 32 amount corresponding to twenty additional pupils. Receipt of
2 33 supplementary weighting by a school district pursuant to this
2 34 subsection for more than one year shall be contingent upon the
2 35 annual submission of information by the district to the
3 1 department documenting cost savings directly attributable to
3 2 the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining
3 3 the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall be
3 4 received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the five-year
3 5 maximum, and for determining qualification of operational
3 6 functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by
3 7 the department by rule, through consideration of long-term
3 8 savings by the school district or increased student
3 9 opportunities. The department shall regularly post examples
3 10 of shared operational functions resulting in cost savings to a
3 11 school district on the department's website.

3 12 c. Amounts received as supplementary weighting for shared
3 13 operational functions pursuant to this subsection, and for any
3 14 savings realized through the sharing of such functions, shall
3 15 be utilized by a school district to increase student
3 16 opportunities.

3 17 d. This subsection is repealed effective June 30, 2014.

3 18 Sec. 4. Section 257.11A, Code 2005, is amended to read as
3 19 follows:

3 20 257.11A SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING AND SCHOOL REORGANIZATION.

3 21 1. In determining weighted enrollment under section 257.6,
3 22 if the board of directors of a school district has approved a
3 23 contract for sharing pursuant to section 257.11 and the school
3 24 district has approved an action to bring about a
3 25 reorganization to take effect on and after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2006,
3 26 and on or before July 1, ~~2006~~ 2010, the reorganized school
3 27 district shall include, for a period of three years following
3 28 the effective date of the reorganization, additional pupils
3 29 added by the application of the supplementary weighting plan,
3 30 equal to the pupils added by the application of the
3 31 supplementary weighting plan in the year preceding the
3 32 reorganization. For the purposes of this subsection, the
3 33 weighted enrollment for the period of three years following
3 34 the effective date of reorganization shall include the
3 35 supplementary weighting in the base year used for determining
4 1 the combined district cost for the first year of the
4 2 reorganization. However, the weighting shall be reduced by
4 3 the supplementary weighting added for a pupil whose residency
4 4 is not within the reorganized district.

4 5 2. For purposes of this section, a reorganized district is
4 6 one in which the reorganization was approved in an election
4 7 pursuant to sections 275.18 and 275.20 and takes effect on or
4 8 after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2006, and on or before July 1, ~~2006~~ 2010.
4 9 Each district which initiates, by a vote of the board of
4 10 directors or jointly by the affected boards, action to bring
4 11 about a reorganization or dissolution to take effect on or
4 12 after July 1, ~~2002~~ 2006, and on or before July 1, ~~2006~~ 2010,
4 13 shall certify the date and the nature of the action taken to
4 14 the department of education by January 1 of the year in which
4 15 the reorganization or dissolution takes effect.

4 16 ~~3. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a school district which
4 17 was participating in a whole grade sharing arrangement during
4 18 the budget year beginning July 1, 2001, and which received a
4 19 maximum of two years of supplementary weighting pursuant to
4 20 section 257.11, subsection 2, paragraph "c", shall include
4 21 additional pupils added by the application of the
4 22 supplementary weighting plan, equal to the pupils added by the
4 23 application of the supplementary weighting plan in the year
4 24 preceding the reorganization, for a period of four years
4 25 following the effective date of the reorganization.~~

4 26 ~~4. 3.~~ A school district shall be eligible for a combined

4 27 maximum total of six years of supplementary weighting under
4 28 the provisions of this section and section 257.11, subsection
4 29 2, paragraph "c".

4 30 4. If the board of directors of a school district approved
4 31 a contract for sharing pursuant to section 257.11 and the
4 32 school district approved an action to bring about a
4 33 reorganization to take effect on and after July 1, 2002, and
4 34 on or before July 1, 2006, the reorganized school district
4 35 shall include the additional pupils added by the application
5 1 of the supplementary weighting plan equal in amount and
5 2 duration to the supplementary weighting for which the school
5 3 district was eligible pursuant to the provisions of this
5 4 section in effect prior to July 1, 2006.

5 5 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.

5 6 The section of this Act amending section 257.11 by
5 7 providing supplementary weighting for shared operational
5 8 functions takes effect July 1, 2006, and is first applicable
5 9 for the school budget year beginning July 1, 2007.

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